

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, September 22, 1726.

From the Evening Post, Sept. 15.

Petersburg, Aug. 30.

**M**R. Platen Great Marshal of the Duke of Holstein, and Mr. Guldencroon, his Chamberlain, set out lately for Stockholm, in stead of Mr. Bassewitz, whom the Crown and Senate of Sweden would not admit as Minister of the Duke of Holstein; neither do these Gentlemen go with a public Character. 'Tis talked here, that as soon as the British and Danish Squadrons are gone from our Coast, and our own returned to Cronstot, our Empress will go to Moscow. Count Maurice of Saxony is still endeavouring to obtain the Good will and Protection of her Imperial Majesty, in order to his being maintain'd in his Succession to the Dutchy of Courland,

Rome, Aug. 2. The Chevalier de St. George is upon his Departure for Bologna.

Leghorn, Aug. 31. We hear from the Levant that the contagious Distemper reached Napoli di Romania, but did not continue long there, for no more than 14 or 15 Persons died of it: At Constantinople it rages prodigiously; at Smirna the Mortality decreases; at Salonica, Ships which come from Alexandria are not admitted.

Modena, Aug. 31. Our Hereditary Princess, who is now in the 9th Month of her Pregnancy, is indisposed at Regio.

Constantinople, July 25. There are Advices from Persia, that the Rebel Esref had declared to his People, that the Porte will not hearken to any Accommodation; whereupon the latter animated one another, marched towards an important Place taken by the Ottomans, and the Inhabitants rising at the same Time, drove out the Turks, and let in the Rebels.

Paris, Sept. 27. King Stanislaus and his Queen have left Chambor, to avoid the bad Air, occasioned by some Works in the Neighbourhood of the Castle.

The Queen intended to have gone the 26th Inst. to Fountainbleau, but the Marquis de Villacert and others having represented to her Majesty, that the Quarter of her Officers now in waiting end the last Day of this Month, she was graciously pleased to

put off her Departure till the 2d of next Month, to save them the great Expence they would be at for their Journey, only for 3 Days Waiting.

Milan, Aug. 31. The Imperial Garrison of Massa-Corra has been reinforced. 'Tis talked here, that if the Republick of Genoa should be disturbed by a neighbouring Potentate, this State is to assist them: 'Tis said besides, that 1000 Men of our Cavalry are to be sent to the Vigevano. All our Frontier Towns are put into a good State of Defence; and the King of Sardinia at the same Time augments his Troops on the Borders of his Dominions, which occasions many Speculations among our Politicians.

Wezel, Sept. 18. Letters from Berlin say, That Baron de Wallenrod, Minister of the King of Prussia, is shortly to return to London with fresh Instructions.

Lisbon, Aug. 31. Several Families of the Jews have been taken up and sent to Goal by the Inquisition.

Copenhagen, Sept. 14. The News we had in several Foreign Papers, that the Crews of the British and Danish Squadrons in the Baltick were very sickly, is entirely false, as appears by the Accounts brought from thence by the Portiahon Fregate, which left the combin'd Squarons 9 Days ago; for the Captain says there are not 200 sick in all.

Brussels, Sept. 16. Letters from Madrid import, that the King of Spain demands 3 Cardinals Caps in the next Election, viz. the first for Prince Emanuel of Portugal, the second for the Nuncio of the Pope, the third for the Rather Confessor of her Catholick Majesty.

Deal, Sept. 13. Remain here his Majesty's Ships the Ferret, Otter and Bonetta.

London, Sept. 15. We hear Colonel Spotswood will succeed Major Drysdale deceased as Governor of Virginia, which Government he had before.

From the Flying Post, Sept. 15.

Constantinople, July 25. The Plague continues to make great Havock in this City and Suburbs, in so much that between the 15th and 18th Inst. there died about 200 People a Day, exclusive of Children and Slaves; and the Mortality has considerably increased.

creased since that time. Several Quarters of this Capital, and particularly that of the Janizaries are infected, and it has even communicated it self to the House of the Grand Vizier's Chief Steward, and to the Houses of many other Persons of Distinction. And the Foreign Ministers have been obliged to quit their Residence at Pera, and to retire along a River which falls into the Euxine Sea near this City. We hear that it rages also at Adrianople, Smyrna, Alexandria, Cairo, and several other Towns of those Parts, where 'tis likewise very destructive.

*Stockholm, Sept. 6.* Our Minister at Petersburg having sent Word, that the Czarina intended to send hither the Count de Basséwitz, the Duke of Holstein Gottorp's Prime Minister, in Quality of Ambassador extraordinary from her Imperial Majesty, to take Care of her Interests in the next General Diet, and that the better to qualify him for the said Embassy, she had declared him a Member of Privy Council, the Senate had an extraordinary Assembly thereupon some Days ago; and after mature Deliberation it was unanimously concluded, That as the Count de Basséwitz had spoke upon several Occasions, with very great Contempt of the King and the whole Swedish Nation, he could not be permitted to come and reside in this Kingdom with any Publick Character. This Resolution has already been communicated to the Ministers of Russia and Holstein. And Orders are sent to our Minister at Petersburg, to make the same Declaration to the Court of Russia.

*London, Sept. 15.* There's a great Resort of Florists &c. to Wright's Coffee-house in Aldersgate-street, to see that rare and most beautiful Flower the *Guernsey Lilly*, which is now in its full Bloom, and exactly answers the Description given of it by the ingenious Dr. Douglas, in his Treatise of *Lilium Sarniense*: For each Leaf, when viewed in the full Sun-shine, appears to be studded with thousands of little Diamonds, sparkling and glittering with a most surprizing and agreeable Lustre; and they who have observed it with Candle-light, say, that these numerous Specks or Spangles, look more like Gold Dust.

The Doctor tells us, that Cornutus a Physician of Paris, proves in his History of Plants, that originally it came from Japan. And among others, the Reverend Mr. Gardiner, Sub-dean of Lincoln, has with great Elegancy, celebrated it in the fol-

lowing Lines, which are a Translation from the Latin of the Jesuit Rapin's Treatise of Gardening.

Late from Japan's remotest Region sent,  
Narcissus came arrayed in Scarlet Paint;  
Rich Spots of Yellow stain the precious Flow'r;  
As if besprinkled with a Golden Show'r.  
The radiant Tinctures may with Tap'stry vie,  
And proudly emulate the Tyrean Dye.

This Flower, ye skilful Florists, often plant,  
Let not our Nation this fair Beauty want;  
And tho' she answers not your common Care,  
No Cost or Labour on her Dressing spare;  
Eor should she but her conq'ring Charms display,  
From ev'ry Fair she bears the Prize away.

*From Mist's Weekly Journal, Sept. 10.*

*London, Sept. 10.* As the Praise of the celebrated *Molly Mog* has set all the Wits in Town to Crambo, we shall present the Town with 2 more Stanzas, after which we shall have done with her, lest the Town should think she grows stale upon our hands.

'Twas strange when they pumped for Rhime,  
They should miss in their long Catalogue,  
Of more Words whose sound might well chime  
With the Name of Sweet *Molly Mog*.

Boy, bring us the best in your Cellar;  
Sir, that is a Glass of old Nog.

Then fill me a Bumper, and tell her,  
Here's a Health to sweet *Molly Mog*.

*From a Written Letter, Sept. 15.*

In some of the publick Papers of last Thursday it was said, that the Day before a Centinel of the Foot Guards who was to be whipt in Hide Park, was pardoned at the Intercession of a Lady: But we are assured, that the Occasion of his Pardon was much more commendable, being thus: This Soldier has a Son, also a Soldier in the said Regiment, who came to throw himself at Major-General Tatton's Feet, begging he might suffer the Punishment for his Father, who being old, might die under it: Whereat the General was so moved, that he forgave the Father, and promised to advance the Son.

The Imperial Court are resolved to augment their Forces in Italy to 50,000 Men, and to that Purpose are treating with certain Princes of the Empire to take over 16,000 Men, and send them into Italy. According to Advices from Rome the Pretender

tender designed shortly to make a Journey into Spain.

*From the St. James's Evening-Post, Sept. 15.*

*Paris, Sept. 21.* Enquiry is making after the Occasion of the late Conflagration, but no Body as yet can give an Account of its Origin. The Soldiers, &c. who assisted at stopping its Career, have been handsomely rewarded by Order of the King. This Day a Courier was dispatched to our Minister at Stockholm.

*Brussels, Sept. 19.* The new Works go on with great Expedition here, a great many Hands being employed therein.

*Hamburg, Sept. 13.* According to some Advices from Petersburg, they are casting at Olonitz, 300 Iron, and above 200 Brass Cannon of different Bores, which we are assured are designed for Spain. Several Ship Carpenters are come hither from the Austrian Netherlands, to be employed in the building of some Ships.

*London, Sept. 15.* On Monday Morning about 8 a'clock, there was terrible Thunder at Harrow on the Hill, when the Lightning penetrated thro' the Tiling and Cieling of an House there, and rent a Bedstead, and struck a Child of three Years old in such a Manner, that it lay as dead for an Hour and an Half, or two Hours. Also the Barrel of a Fowling Piece was torn in Pieces by it at the same Time.

Last Sessions at Hickshall an Indictment for wilful and corrupt Perjury was found against a Gentleman of 2500 l. per Annum, who is to be tried for the same next Sessions.

*Wye's Letter, verbatim, Sept. 17.*

*Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland.*

**T**HE Death of the D. of Portland is confirmed by Letters arrived Yesterday from Jamaica and other Parts of the W. Indies. They add, That his Dutcheffs (by whom his Grace has Issue 2 Sons, viz. William Marquis of Titchfield, now D. of Portland, and L. George, besides 2 Daughters) designs to come wite her Family to England in the *Essex*; and that one of his Majesty's Ships of War was design'd to convey them thro' the Windward Passage. 'Tis not yet certainly known who will succeed him in the Government of Jamaica, an Island not very healthful to the English Nobility to reside in: But the deceased Duke having received so great Losses by the fatal South Sea Scheme, willingly accepted of that Post in order to retrieve his Fortune; which he in a great Measure would have done, had he continued in his Government a few Years longer.

They write from Boston in N. England, that on the 12th of July last 3 of the condemned Pyrates of Snow's Company, were executed: The Captain, named Flye, who was afterwards hung in Chains on the Island Nixmate, desired all Masters of Ships might take Warning by the Fate of Capt. Green, whom he had murdered, to pay Sailors their Wages when due, and to treat them better; saying, that their Barbarity made many of them turn Pyrates. He forgave all the World except Capt. Atkinson, who had a Hand in subduing him. Mean time Capt. Atkinson himself was on the 30th of the said Month committed to Boston Goal, for embezzling Goods and Merchandises from on board the Snow and Elizabeth, during the Time he commanded her.

We had a Report Yesterday which still continues, that some Advices from Jamaica mention the taking of his Majesty's Ship *Diamond*, of 44 Guns and 200 Men, by a Spanish Guard de Coast of 70 Guns and 500 Men; with these Particulars, That the Engagement lasted several Hours, in which the Spaniards had above 100 Men killed, and ours about 20; and that Sir Edward Pyton, the Captain, having been likewise killed, the Ship surrendered, and was carried into Cartagena.

Should this prove true, we need not tell you what would be the Consequences thereof. Mean Time it seems too dangerous an Attempt for the Spaniards, when we have such a Superior Force in those Parts.

By the Holland Mail we have the following Advices: From Gibraltar of the 22d of August, that Admiral Jennings was daily expected there: From Petersburg, that Pr. Menzicoff had sent a Captain to Admiral Wager, with the Czarina's Answer to another Letter of the King of Gr. Britain: That the Duke of Holstein's Minister had Orders sent him to go to the Court of Madrid. From whence they write, that the People of Spain having been numbered appeared to be 5423165 Persons: From Vienna the 7th Instant, That the Envoy of the Elector of Triers had Orders to sign the Vienna Treaty: From Stockholm 'tis assured, That the Senate will approve of his Swedish Majesty's Resolution, touching the Accession to the Treaty of Hanover; and the rather because (as they say) of the Discovery of an Affair of great Importance.

The Report above named, of the *Diamond* Man of War, is inserted in a Letter to Capt. Frechee an eminent W. India Merchant, but we suspend our Belief till better Authority.



The 1st of next Month the *London* is to sail with several Provisions for Admiral Hoffer's Squadron.

The Time of the Trustees of the S. S. Company on the Estates of the late Directors, expires on the 24th of December next.

*From the St. James's Evening Post, Sept. 17.*

*Paris, Sept. 16.* The Lord Falkland is shortly to be married to Mademoiselle de Dillon, Daughter to one of the King's Lieutenant Generals.

*Danzick, Sept. 11.* The united Fleets of England and Denmark continue in *statu quo*.

*From the Evening Post, Sept. 13.*

*Vienna, Sept. 11.* Here is a current Report about Town, that a Courier from Spain has brought to the Emperor, a Million of Crowns in Gold and Bills of Exchange, and also Letters from his Catholick Majesty, importing, That nothing can break the good Harmony between the 2 Crowns.

*From the London Gazette, Sept. 17.*

*Stockholm, Aug. 31.* Tomorrow being the Day for opening the appointed Diet, most of the Members of all the Orders, as well from Finland, as the Provinces of this Kingdom, are already come hither: But as not only all the full Powers of the Proxies and Deputies must be first examined and read, the respective Speakers of each Order elected, and several other Matters regulated according to the new Ordinance for holding the Diet, it is reckoned these Formalities will employ the States five or six Days before they can have their publick Audience of the King. The 25th Inst. a small Russian Fregate arrived in this River, in five Days from Petersburg, having on board M. Platen, Son in Law to Count Bassewitz, and Marshal of the Duke of Holstein's Court, together with M. Gyllenbrook, Cabinet Secretary and Gentlemen of the Bedchamber to the said Duke. Last Week the Russian Envoy here, desired that the King would be pleased to give Orders for permitting a Fregate, which he says will very soon bring hither an Ambassador from the Czarina, to pass the Castles in the River, and to come up to this Place, which 'tis said is granted: But it is not yet known with any certainty who the Person is that comes on this Embassy.

*Edinburgh, Sept. 22.* On Tuesday last the City's 50 l. Plate was won by the same Horse of the Rt. Honourable the Lord Somervell, as won the 100 Guinea Plate the Day before.

We hear there are two Plates more to be run for within a few Weeks: The one, given by the Venerable the Ladies, called the *Assembly Plate*; and the other, the *County Plate*.

T'other Night the Right Honourable the Earl of Illa came to Town from London.

'Tis said there is to be a Visitation of the Universities of this Kingdom.

## A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

†† That by Virtue of the Sheriffs of Edinburgh their Warrant, there is a Parcel of HAY, consisting of 30 Ricks new Lee Hay, and 40 Ricks of Meadow Hay, with one stack of last Year's Hay, containing 5 Ricks, standing in the Meadow of Corstorphine; To be exposed to sale by publick Roup on Monday next the 26th Inst. at 10 o'clock before Noon, at the Red House in the said Meadow.

§§ There is to be sold, a Parcel of good fresh Limons and China Oranges, as also all other Fruits in Season, at the first Shop above Con's Close, the south side of the street at the *Hand and Apple*, a little below the Cross: All at reasonable Rates, in Wholesale or Retail.

\*\*\* That there is to the Number of 280 Trees all fine large old Planting, consisting of ASHES, PLAINS, and ELMS, growing on the West Side of the Orchard of Inverpastry, close upon the North Side of the Water of Earn, and within ten Miles of the Town of Perth, are to be exposed to Sale by Way of Roup, within the Dwelling House of Duncan Morison at Kirkhill of Inverpastry, upon Tuesday the 18th Day of October next, betwixt the Hours of 10 and 12 in the Forenoon. Any that has a Mind to see the said Timber, may call at the said Duncan Morison, at any Time betwixt and the Day of the Roup, who will shew them the same distinctly.

¶¶ That on Tuesday the Fourth Day of October next, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 in the Afternoon, at the Sheriff Clerk's Office in Perth; There is to be exposed to voluntary Roup and Sale, a LARGE BEAUTIFUL LODGING lately built, lying on the Side of the River of Tay, and at the North-end of the Water-gate of the Burgh of Perth, almost adjoining to the High Street, a little below the Cross; consisting of 13 Fire-rooms and 3 Storeys, all well finished, besides Closets, Garrets, a Garret-room, Cellars, Vaults and Brewhouse, with an Oven. It hath very regular Entries from the Street, and Office-houses on both Sides, fitted either for Stables or Shops; having Entries from the Street, and private Entries from the Fore Court, which is a Square, and well paved. It has likewise a Back-Court, and several convenient Office houses there; and betwixt them and the principal House, a Square, with Walks and Plots of Ground for Flowers, which makes the Entry to a very handsome Garden, finely inclosed and planted with choice Trees of the best Kinds; and in the Garden a Summer-house, and Gravel-walks round and a cross it, with a pleasant Terras at the Foot, which gives a View of the River and Salmon-fishings there, and Access from the Garden to the River: Making a very beautiful and convenient Lodging for any Nobleman or Gentleman. The Articles and Conditions of the Roup and Sale, with the Writs, will be seen at all Times, either at the Lodging it self, where the Proprietor dwells, or at the Sheriff Clerk's Office.